

Ongoing environmental cooperation work includes: Participation in regional workshops to combat illegal trade in environmentally sensitive goods, technical exchanges on water systems and water pollution management, participation in regional initiatives on sustainable management and trade in sustainably managed resources, promotion of energy efficiency projects and partnerships, cooperating through the Pacific Ports Initiative and combining efforts under the Sustainable Cities Program. The listed activities and additional cooperative activities were outlined in previous Environmental Cooperation Action Plans and discussed during previous Biennial Review meetings. Additional information can be found on the website listed above.

In carrying out this cooperative work, the United States and Singapore intend to explore the development of partnerships with private sector and civil society organizations, to build upon and complement ongoing bilateral cooperative work in other fora, and to explore opportunities for mutual collaboration in these priority areas with other countries in the region.

*Disclaimer:* This Public Notice is a request for comments and suggestions, and is not a request for applications. No granting of money is directly associated with this request for suggestions for the 2011–2012 Plan of Action. There is no expectation of resources or funding associated with any comments or suggestions provided for the 2011–2012 Plan of Action.

Dated: April 23, 2010.

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Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[U.S. DOT Docket No. NHTSA–2010–0049]

#### Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.  
**ACTION:** Request for public comment on proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of

1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatements of previously approved collections.

This document describes one collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 6, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to U.S. Department of Transportation Dockets, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Docket No. NHTSA–2010–0049

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Maria Vegega, Chief, Behavioral Research Division, Office of Behavioral Safety Research (NTI–131), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., W44–302, Washington, DC 20590. Dr. Vegega's phone number is 202–366–2668 and her e-mail address is *Maria.Vegega@dot.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must publish a document in the **Federal Register** providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB's regulations (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment on the following:

(i) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) how to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) how to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks public comment on the following proposed collection of information:

#### Focus Group Review of Advanced Alcohol Detection Technology

*Type of Request*—New information collection requirement.

*OMB Clearance Number*—None.

*Form Number*—This collection of information uses no standard forms.

*Requested Expiration Date of Approval*—September 30, 2013.

*Summary of the Collection of Information*—NHTSA proposes to conduct a total of 24 focus groups in two stages. The first set of focus groups (12 focus groups) will obtain information on public perceptions and attitudes concerning in-vehicle alcohol detection technology designed to prevent alcohol-impaired driving. Information from this phase of the project will be used to provide greater clarity to the technology under investigation. Then, a second set of 12 focus groups will be conducted to gauge driver reaction to technology prototypes, obtain input on alternative prototype features, and obtain guidance on strategies for introduction. Participation in the focus groups will be voluntary. Participants will be asked about current and future in-vehicle safety technologies for detecting alcohol.

The focus groups will be audio taped using electronic equipment and augmented by handwritten notes taken during the discussions. No videotaping will occur. During the focus group discussion, participants will be identified solely by first name. Last names, telephone numbers, and any other personally identifiable information obtained during recruitment of the focus group participants will be separated from the collected information. Summarization and any reporting of the collected information will use generic categories rather than first names to further preserve anonymity of participants.

*Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use of the Information*—The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA's) mission is to save lives, prevent injuries, and reduce healthcare and other economic costs associated with motor vehicle crashes. In 2008, almost 12,000 people died in vehicle crashes due to alcohol-impaired driving. In a continuing effort to reduce the adverse consequences of alcohol-impaired driving, NHTSA in conjunction with the Automotive Coalition for Traffic Safety is undertaking research and development to explore the feasibility of, and public policy challenges associated with, use of in-vehicle alcohol detection technology.

The agency believes that use of vehicle-based, alcohol detection technologies could help to significantly reduce the number of alcohol-impaired driving crashes, deaths and injuries by preventing drivers from driving while impaired by alcohol.

As technology development progresses and decisions are being made about how to integrate such devices into the vehicle, NHTSA needs a better understanding of public preferences with respect to in-vehicle alcohol detection devices. Optimization of technology will depend on the extent to which public attitudes are taken into account during the development process. Thus NHTSA seeks input from drivers to:

- Gauge public perceptions of advanced in-vehicle alcohol detection technology;
- Guide the technology design; and
- Guide a strategy for introduction of this technology.

NHTSA believes that focus groups with licensed drivers are the appropriate method for obtaining information to address the above topics.

*Description of the Likely Respondents (Including Estimated Number, and Proposed Frequency of Response to the Collection of Information)*—Under this proposed effort, the Contractor will conduct a total of 24 focus groups in two stages. A set of three focus group meetings will be held in each of eight locations across the country; four sets of focus groups will occur in each phase of the research. NHTSA will select the locations to obtain responses in various regions of the country and to represent different State approaches to managing drunk driving. As indicated above, all participants will be licensed drivers. In each location, one focus group will be conducted with non-drinkers, one focus group will be conducted with social drinkers, and one focus group will be conducted with heavy episodic drinkers. The average number of participants will be eight per focus group, for a total of 192 focus group participants. Each participant will attend one focus group.

*Estimate of the Total Annual Reporting and Record Keeping Burden Resulting from the Collection of Information*—NHTSA estimates that the duration of each focus group will be one and one-half hours, or a total of 288 hours for the 192 focus group participants. The participants will not incur any reporting cost from the information collection. The participants also will not incur any record keeping burden or record keeping cost from the information collection. They will

receive a small stipend under standard procedures for focus groups.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. Section 3506(c)(2)(A).

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[U.S. DOT Docket No. NHTSA-2009-0192]

#### Reports, Forms, and Record Keeping Requirements

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Request for public comment on proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and the expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period was published on February 24, 2010 (75 FR 8426-8472).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 7, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments regarding this information collection request to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 Seventeenth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503; *Attention:* NHTSA Desk Officer. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to OMB at the following address:

*oira\_submissions@omb.eop.gov.*

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott Roberts, PhD, Contracting Officer's Technical Representative, Office of Behavioral Safety Research (NTI-132), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., W46-495, Washington, DC 20590. Dr. Roberts' phone number is 202-366-5594 and his e-mail address is *Scott.Roberts@dot.gov.*

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Focus Groups for Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Programs and Activities.

*Type of Request:* New generic information collection request.

*Requested Expiration Date of Approval:* May 31, 2013.

*Abstract:* The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) anticipates the need to periodically conduct focus group sessions to define its efforts to reduce traffic injuries and fatalities. Session participation would be voluntary and compensated with, on average, a \$75 honorarium. Focus group topics will include: Strategic messaging (*e.g.*, slogans or advertisement concepts concerning seat belt use, impaired driving, driver distraction or tire pressure monitoring), problem identification (*e.g.*, discussions with high-risk groups on beliefs, attitudes, driving behaviors, or reactions to interventions and countermeasures), and resource development (*e.g.*, testing materials designed to communicate essential information about traffic safety issues such as vehicle or equipment performance rating systems). The purpose of the generic clearance request is to obtain approval for NHTSA's general approach to conducting focus group research. NHTSA will submit an individual Information Collection Request (ICR), detailing the specific nature and methodology of planned focus group sessions, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) prior to any collection activity covered under this generic clearance.

*Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use of the Information*—The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) was authorized by the Highway Safety Act of 1966 to carry out a Congressional mandate to reduce the mounting number of deaths, injuries and economic losses resulting from motor vehicle crashes on our Nation's highways. In support of this mission, NHTSA anticipates the occasional need to conduct focus group sessions in order to develop and define effective interventions and countermeasures.

NHTSA will use the findings from focus group sessions to help focus current programs, interventions and countermeasures in order to achieve the greatest benefit in decreasing crashes and resulting injuries and fatalities, and provide informational support to States, localities, and law enforcement agencies that will aid them in their efforts to reduce traffic crashes.

*Description of the Likely Respondents (Including Estimated Number, and Proposed Frequency of Response to the Collection of Information)*—Each year NHTSA anticipates conducting 19 Focus Group Studies. Likely respondents are licensed drivers 18 years of age and older who have not participated in a previous focus group session.